

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 25-135 are pending in this case. Prior to substantive action on the merits, Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment to the claims. Claim 24 is sought to be canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to more accurately describe the subject matter the Applicants believe is their invention. Support for amended claim 1 can be found *inter alia* in original claims 24, 44(a), and paragraphs 0159 and 0210 of the original specification. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants note that original claims 7, 60, 81 and 103 reflect amendments made pursuant to PCT Article 34 prior to U.S. National Stage entry.

I. Request for Interview

Applicants believe that an interview between the Examiner, the undersigned representative and the Applicant(s) would advance the prosecution of this case. Therefore, Applicants respectfully would like to request an interview between the Examiner, the undersigned representative and the Applicant(s) at the Examiner's earliest convenience. The courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned to discuss this before the issuance of a first Office Action is requested.

II. Elections

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2010, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Groups I, II, III, IV, V and VI. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (namely Claims 1-48, 54-56, and 76-110), and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

The Examiner has also required an election of species. According to the MPEP, the species elected is where searching will begin, and the searching will be expanded to additional species or a genus until art is found. Applicants hereby provisionally elect the following species.

(1) With regard to a patterned template substrate, Applicants elect a solvent resistant low surface energy polymeric material. Elected claims 1, 2, 4-48, 54-56, 76 and 78-110 appear to read on the species.

(2) With regard to a low surface energy polymer material, Applicants elect a perfluoropolyether material. Elected claims 1-48, 54-56 and 76-110 appear to read on the species.

(3) With regard to a substrate, Applicants elect a polymer material. Elected claims 1-48, 54-56 and 76-110 appear to read on the species.

(4) With regard to a liquid material, Applicants elect a solution. Elected claims 1-48, 54-56 and 76-110 appear to read on the species.

(5) With regard to a master template, Applicants elect a template formed from a lithography process. Elected claims 1-48, 54-56 and 76-110 appear to read on the species.

(6) With regard to a surface modification treatment, Applicants elect a chemical process. Elected claims 1-48, 54-56 and 76-110 appear to read on the species.

(7) With regard to a harvesting collection process, amended claim 1, submitted herewith, recites that collection proceeds by applying the patterned template to a second substrate, wherein the second substrate has an affinity for the particles. Elected claims 1-48, 54-56 and 76-110 appear to read on the species.

III. Conclusion

Applicants believe that the elections set forth herein are fully responsive to the Restriction.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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